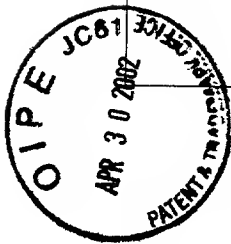


CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on **April 16, 2002**.

Grace Alicea



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

In Re Application of:

Date: April 16, 2002

Victor CHAN et al.

Serial No.: 09/996,127

Group Art Unit: 2171

Filed: November 27, 2001

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR COMPOSING A QUERY FOR A DATABASE
AND TRAVERSING THE DATABASE

Box: Missing Parts

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated March 21, 2002, submitted herewith are six (6) replacement sheets of drawings containing Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9A(i), 9A (ii), 9A (iii), 9A (iv), 9B, 10, 11, and 12 to correct margin defects. Applicant's attorney attests that no new matter is introduced by the replacement sheets, and that the sheets are submitted solely to correct margin defects.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account 02-2120. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

April 16, 2002

Date

Stephen G. Sullivan
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 38,329
(650) 493-4540

2002 APR 30 2002



COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

Page 1 of 1

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/996,127	11/27/2001	Victor Chan	CA920000048US1/2174P

29141
SAWYER LAW GROUP LLP
P O BOX 51418
PALO ALTO, CA 94303

CONFIRMATION NO. 1458

FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000007690415

Date Mailed: 03/21/2002

NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 02/28/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 12/17/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*


Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE